

DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2009

Attendance:

Commissioners:

Don Galloway
Charles Butler
Erica Nash (by video skype)
Frank Anderson
Karen Wolf-Branigin
Jon Mitchiner
Denise Decker (by telephone)

Staff:

Christina Mitchell (Special Assistant)
Derek K. Orr (Acting Director)

Don Galloway called the May DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities meeting to order.

Mr. Galloway announced the first order of business was the approval of minutes. Erica Nash moved to approve the April discussion minutes, Charles Butler seconded the motion. Frank Anderson suggested approval with technical corrections as needed. The DCCPD voted unanimously to approve and publish the minutes.

Mr. Galloway discussed the requirement of the DCCPD 5-year Strategic Plan, he requested that Mr. Anderson, Karen Wolf-Branigin and Denise Decker head this project. Mr. Anderson stated that in accordance with the Mayor's Order, section 3(i) the DCCPD is obligated to not only produce a 5-year Strategic Plan, but also an Annual Statement of goals and objectives, and an Annual Report on the activities of the Commission. Dr. Decker suggested that all commissioners create different goals and share the list during the next meeting. Mr. Anderson offered to create a draft of the 5-year plan with some input from Dr. Decker.

Derek Orr requested time to address the appropriate and recognized terminology that should be used when referring to a person who identifies as being HIV positive. The ADA recognizes and fully protects the rights of people who identify as HIV positive and the DCCPD needs to ensure the importance of inclusion, especially given the HIV statistics in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Galloway requested all conference update information. Mr. Orr announced all of the agencies who have agreed to participate on the Disability Awareness Conference Planning team. Mr. Galloway recommended that Ms. Nash be on the planning team for the Disability Awareness Conference. Christina Mitchell suggested the conference meeting date of the afternoon of June 11th. Christina distributed a preliminary conference checklist created by Ms. Nash, for planning purposes.

Mr. Galloway announced that the SILC may also be on June 11th, Christina will connect Darnise Bush to confirm the meeting time.

Ms. Nash asked to add an item to the meeting agenda. Ms. Nash attended a meeting for the Medical Council Advisory Commission. The meeting addressed various issues including the Department of Healthcare Finance, Money Follows the Person and current Medicaid updates. The meeting is every 4th Wednesday of each month, at 1:30 PM at 825 N. Capitol Street, NW.

Ms. Nash suggested that members of the DCCPD take turns to represent the DCCPD and bring information back to the our monthly meetings. Mr. Anderson suggested that the Outreach and Events Committee participate in the monthly meetings. Ms. Nash, Mr. Galloway and Mr. Butler agreed rotate their attendance at the meetings.

Dr. Decker announced the updates on the assistive technology project. Dr. Decker and Christina have visited and met with the staff of the Adaptive Services Division at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library. Dr. Decker and Christina Mitchell will take a tour of the DC Shares facilities in early June.

Mr. Galloway briefly discussed the mission of the new Employment Committee. He has created an invitation memorandum to the various directors of both public and private entities. Christina will distribute the memorandum and auxiliary application to the directors next week.

Christina briefly explained her meeting with the director of the Office of Boards and Commissions, Tracey Sandler. Based on the conversation, the OBC has been holding interviews for the remaining commissioner slots. OBC will follow-up with DCCPD after the interviews are complete.

The next DCCPD meeting is June 25, at 9:00 AM in conference room #1112.